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CHAIRMAN HOECKER AND CIO YOUNG SAY ALL IS WELL FOR FERC SYSTEMS

Chairman James J. Hoecker of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Fernanda Young, the Commission's Chief Information Officer, reported that the Commission's systems are functioning normally after a successful transition into the new millennium, including FERC's internet Website (www.ferc.fed.us). FERC began assessing its systems for Y2K compliance in March 1997, followed by testing and remediation of software and system components to ensure Y2K readiness within the agency.

According to Dr. Young, addressing Y2K issues resulted in more efficient and effective systems at FERC, which also translates to better service for the public. With Chairman Hoecker also serving as leader of the Oil and Gas Sector Working Group of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, the Commission gained valuable experience in working collaboratively and successfully with industry to solve this mutual problem with Y2K.

Commented Dr. Young: "I believe the Commission can continue to build on the relationships established with industry during Y2K to address shared challenges in the future, such as electronic filing, where collaboration can create the most effective solutions for both government and industry."

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